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ING OFFICE**

1. All active and passive partisans in the Lithuanian SSR are Lithuanian in their ethnic background. Source has heard that partisans in the Zemaitija area (Low Lithuania) are publishing some sort of newspaper. (April 1952)
2. For a four-month period during 1950-1951, students at Kaunas University issued an anti-Soviet publication. As a result, a large number of students were arrested and imprisoned. After the arrests, the publication no longer appeared. Source believes that there have been scattered incidents of newspapers being published by organizations of young people. However, these efforts are always short-lived because of discovery by the Soviets.
3. Source does not believe that istrebiteli groups exist any longer in the Lithuanian SSR. He thinks they were all incorporated into the regular militia some time ago.
4. The commandant of the MGB in Kaunas is Sinicin, who is probably a colonel.¹
5. There are two groups of farmers that have not been forced to join a kolkhoz. The first group consists of those whose farms are small, about one or two hectares in extent. The other group consists of those whose farms adjoin a forested area, so that there are no other farms in the immediate area with which they could be joined to form a single kolkhoz.
6. The winter of 1951-1952 was an unusually mild one throughout the Lithuanian SSR. The snows were light and did not come until March.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment: This indicates that Col. Yakov Feodorovich Sinitsyn, listed as chief of the MGB in Kaunas by Sovetskaya Litva in the spring of 1950, still held that position in April 1952.

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2 [REDACTED] Comment: This is contrary to [REDACTED] from a different [REDACTED] which stated that there were heavy snowfalls in the Lithuanian SSR throughout the winter of 1951-1952. It is believed that the current report is the more correct, considering the reliability of the two sources.

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